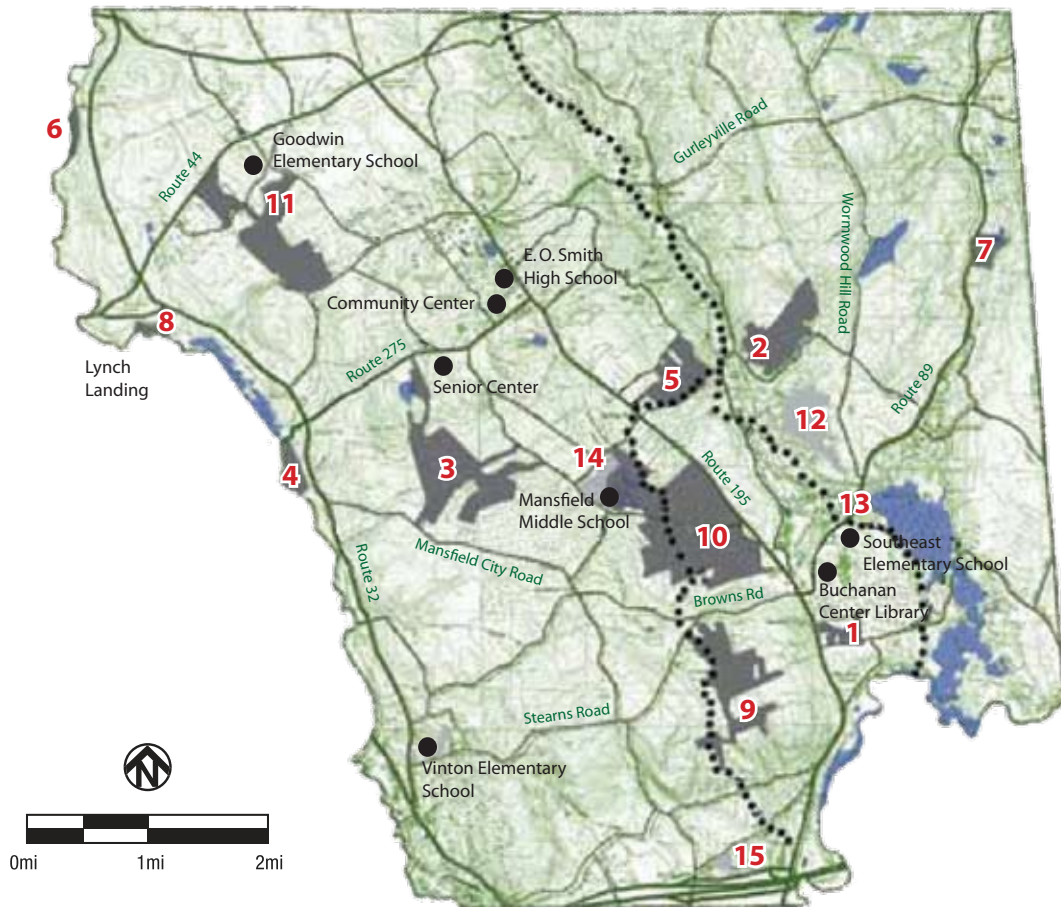


Take a Walk With Us!

Go to www.MansfieldCT.org/TrailGuides/ to download interpretive trail guides for parks and preserves owned and managed by the Town of Mansfield. These trail guides contain up-to-date information and maps of Mansfield's Parks and Preserves in an easy-to-use format. You may also purchase all trail guides in a sturdy folder for \$7.50 at the Mansfield Community Center. Both public and private organizations offer recreation opportunities in open spaces in Mansfield and many of them are linked to town parks. For more information about these organizations click on www.MansfieldCT.gov.



parks & preserves

- 1. Commonfields** Access from Bassetts Bridge Road. Parking area, trail, interpretive information, signs and bird blind will be installed by 2008.
- 2. Coney Rock Preserve** Access from Chaffeeville Road (Town land) or Woodland Road (Joshua's Trust land). Trails climb through old pastures reverting to forest. Cliff on top offers views of Mansfield Hollow State Park.
- 3. Dunhamtown Forest** Access from White Oak Road. Loop trails and connecting trails to Dunham Pond Road and Max Felix Drive wind through mature forest. Managed as a demonstration forest.
- 4. Eagleville Preserve** Access from Eagleville Dam through State land. Loop trail along scenic bend of Willimantic River and through old pasture reverting to forest.
- 5. Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve** Access from behind Mansfield Historical Society on Rte 195. Forested trails lead to cliff views across the Fenton River Valley and Mansfield Hollow State Park. Nipmuck Trail connects to adjacent State land.
- 6. Merrow Meadow Park** Access from Merrow Road. Loop trail through meadows, wetlands and forest. Part of trail paved for handicapped access. Canoe launch along the Willimantic River.

- 7. Mt. Hope Park** Access from Rte 89. Loop trail through meadows and woodlands leading to a pond and the Mt. Hope River.
- 8. River Park** Access from Plains Road. Willimantic River Greenway trail leads to Lynch Landing and Mansfield Depot. Handicapped accessible canoe launch, multi-use recreation field, and interpretive information will be installed by 2008.
- 9. Sawmill Brook Preserve** Access from Joshua's Trust's Wolf Rock Preserve parking area on Crane Hill Road. Follow the Nipmuck Trail past Wolf Rock, then along Sawmill Brook's wooded valley to Puddin Lane.
- 10. Schoolhouse Brook Park** Access from Clover Mill Road and Mansfield Middle School. Nineteen trails, including part of the Nipmuck Trail, through mature forests. Views of colonial mill sites. Park includes Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area.
- 11. Shelter Falls Park** Access from Birch Road. Waterfall and scenic rock formations along Cedar Swamp Brook. Connecting trails to UConn lands and adjacent DEP land. Map includes connecting UConn and adjacent DEP land and trails

recreation areas

- 12. Lions Club Memorial Park** Rt. 89, Warrenville Road
- 13. Southeast Park** Rt. 89, Warrenville Road
- 14. Spring Hill Fields** Spring Hill Road
- 15. Sunny Acres Park** Meadowbrook Road

scenic trails

- Lynch Landing**
Access from Depot Road to Willimantic River.
- Nipmuck Trail**
Regional trail with access at several road crossings.

legend	Parks & Preserves	Baseball/Softball	Hiking	Swimming
	Recreation Areas	Canoeing	Picnicking	X-C Skiing
	Recreation Centers	Fishing	Playground	Handicapped Accessibility (Selected portions only; call ahead)
	Nipmuck Trail	Football	Soccer	
	Lynch Landing			



Explore Mansfield's Parks by joining Friends of Mansfield Parks (FOMP) for the following family events.

Star Party

What can be seen in the fall night sky? Dr. Cynthia Peterson will lead us in an evening of stargazing and exploration. We will begin at UConn's Planetarium for an orientation to the constellations, planets and binocular objects found in the sky this evening, and point out upcoming events in the evening sky this fall. Handouts listing resources for observational astronomy will be available. Weather permitting, we will walk to the UConn Observatory on the roof of the physics building to point out some nice binocular objects in the fall Milky Way and if time permits, examine them using the Observatory telescopes, concentrating on Mars and Saturn in the twilight sky. We'll include it in our observing list and handouts as well. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, and dress warmly for the cool evening weather. If the weather does not cooperate with clear skies, we'll still celebrate the stars in the Planetarium and make a Dipper Clock or simple star finder or comet model to take home.

Instructor: Cynthia Peterson, UConn Department of Physics
Location: UConn Planetarium, the small domed building adjacent to Swan Lake on North Eagleville Road
Date: Fri., Sept. 7
Time: (211001-A) 7-9 p.m.
Fee: Residents \$7 per person, \$15/family max
 Non-residents \$9 per person, \$25/family max

Celebrate Mansfield Weekend

Explore the Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, and Wildlife Sanctuary



Come take a guided walk through the Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, and Wildlife Sanctuary. Enjoy the historic stone dam, Tift Pond, native flora and fauna, and the almost two miles of trails winding through

this 135-acre village woods located across the street from the Mansfield Community Center. Explore this natural treasure right in the heart of our downtown! Appropriate for families with children 5 and over.

Instructor: Naturalists, Sue and Tom Harrington
Location: Meet in front of the Mansfield Community Center
Date: Sat., Sept. 22
Time: (211002-A) 1-3 p.m.
Fee: Free

Family Cruise on the Willimantic River

Join us to celebrate a new National Recreation Trail. This will be an easy flatwater trip for canoes and kayaks from River Park to Eagleville Lake. Choice of short or long (two mile) roundtrip. If you don't have your own boat, kayak rentals are available at the Mansfield Community Center. Kayaks will NOT be available at the site and participants are responsible for transporting the kayaks from the Community Center to River Park. Life Jackets required for all participants. Bring water; lunch optional. Moderate to heavy rain cancels. Sponsored by Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Willimantic River Alliance. Please pre-register.

Location: River Park
Date: Sat., Sept. 29
Time: (211003-A) 10 a.m.-noon
Fee: Free

WALKTOBER

Celebrate Walking Weekend/Walktober. Enjoy the many free, guided walks and experience the natural, historical and cultural treasures of The Last Green Valley. The complete walk schedule, with directions and descriptions, is available at the Mansfield Community Center and is posted on www.thelastgreenvalley.org. Below is a listing of WALKTOBER events in Mansfield and are Free of Charge:

- Games in the Woods, **Sat., Oct. 6, 10 a.m.**, Dunhamtown Forest Head south on Rt. 32, at .8 miles from junction with Rt. 275 turn left onto Mansfield City Road. At 1.2 miles turn left onto White Oak Rd. The Parking lot will be .2 mile up on the left.
- Scenic Walk in Dorwart Preserve and Lions Memorial Park, **Sat., Oct. 13, 10 a.m.** meet at Lions Club Memorial Park off Rte. 89, Take a scenic hike at Mansfield's newest preserve.
- Between a Rock and a Marshy Place. (Wolf Rock and Sawmill Brook Preserve). **Sun., Oct. 21, 1 p.m.** Going south on Rt 195 in Mansfield make a right onto Brown's Road next to the Congregational Church and near the intersection with Rt. 89. Go up a long hill and at the first fork, take the left onto Crane Hill. The trail is a short way down on the right. Park along roadside.

NATURAL AREAS VOLUNTEERS (NAV)

NAV is a volunteer corps sponsored by Mansfield Parks and Recreation, the Parks Advisory Committee. Workday Volunteers attend workdays as their schedules permit, helping with supervised projects such as trail blazing and natural area improvements. Service groups are welcome, as are children over 8 when accompanied by an adult. All participants are required to pre-register by the Thursday before the workday by calling 860-429-3015 ext. 204.

FALL NAV Work Days

Sat., Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-noon. Call for location.
 Sat., Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-noon. Call for location
 Sat., Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-noon. Call for location
 Sat., Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-noon. Call for location
 Sat., Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-noon. Call for location

